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## 2004 Miss Greenbelt Pageant Winners Are City Ambassadors

by Tiane A. Johnson

Miss America and Miss U.S.A. are nationally known pageants but to Greenbelt residents, the only pageants that matter are the Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt pageants.

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant, which celebrated its 49th anniversary this year, takes place during the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival in a competition designed to teach girls poise and self-confidence and how to have fun in a team effort toward a common goal.

The theme for this year's pageant was "Through the Decades," which required each contestant to pick a decade to represent and model clothing for and do a dance performance from that particular time.

A lot of preparation is needed for the pageant to be successful. The pageant directors, Natasha Jewell, Katherine Patsas and Christine Lebhar, therefore coordinate everything from budgeting to staging to dealing with the 45 contestants and their parents.

Jewell, who was Miss Greenbelt in 1983 and has been active ever since, said the Greenbelt Pageant is different from other pageants "because the girls go out and have fun together," she said. "Friendship is really big in the pageant. The focus is not on winning."

The 2004 Greenbelt Pageant winners are Little Miss Greenbelt



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

**Junior Miss Greenbelt Melanie Pope (left) and Little Miss Greenbelt Emily Scites wave to the crowds along the Labor Day parade route.**

Emily Scites, Junior Miss Greenbelt Melanie Pope and Miss Greenbelt Joanna Murray.

### Little Miss

The Little Miss Greenbelt Pageant was created in the 1980s with contestants seven to 10 years old. The 2004 winner, Emily Scites, is a nine-year-old fifth grader at Greenbelt Elementary School and the daughter of Chuck and Tina and sister of 14-year-old C.J.

Emily said she was really sur-

prised when she won Little Miss Greenbelt but for her mother Tina, Emily's win was an unforgettable moment. "It was an incredible feeling when Emily won. She was in Children's Hospital a week before the pageant with shingles so when she won it was a really emotional moment. I thought I was going to pass out. I was nervous and stressed."

The talent night of the pageant was a very special night for Emily because she performed "You Light Up My Life" by Debbie Boone in sign language, which is the same talent her mother displayed when she competed in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant about 20 years ago.

Tina taught Emily the song but, on the night of the performance, Emily and her family surprised Tina by having a blown-up picture of her on stage.

See **AMBASSADORS**, page 12

## Voter Registration Deadline Is Oct. 12

Citizens wishing to vote in the upcoming Presidential election must register by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12. The voter registration application must be received in the election office by 9 p.m. on October 12 or contain an October 12 postmark from the United States Postal Service in order to qualify for the upcoming election. The general election will be held on November 2.

Voter registration applications are available at the following locations: Motor Vehicle Administration offices, State Department of Health offices, local Department of Social Security offices, Offices on Aging, Division of Rehabilitation Services, public institutions of higher education, marriage license bureaus, post offices, public libraries, county boards of elections and State Board of Elections.

A citizen may download a voter registration application from the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or may have a voter registration application mailed by calling the state's

24-hour number at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683).

If a voter registered by mail after January 1, 2003, federal law requires that the voter provide identification information before casting his or her vote in the upcoming election. To avoid presenting identification information at the time of voting, the voter should send the board of elections either a copy of a current or valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows the voter's name and address. If the voter is required to provide identification information but fails to do so before voting, the voter will be issued a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will only be counted if the voter is duly registered and provides the identification information before canvassing of the provisional ballots occurs.

The Prince George's County Board of Elections can be reached by phone at 301-952-3270 or by fax at 301-952-4889.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, October 2**

**8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride, meet on Community Center Lawn

**Sunday, October 3**

**1 to 5 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Thursday, October 7**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Depression Screening, Green Ridge House (residents only), Community Center, Co-op, Giant, Safeway, ERHS (students only)

**7:30 p.m.**, Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building

**7:30 p.m.**, GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

**Saturday, October 9**

**2 to 6 p.m.**, City's Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

## Lake Park Boundary Issues Identified by New Survey

by Thomas X. White

Prior to their scheduled worksession on Wednesday, September 22, members of the Greenbelt City Council, Assistant Manager David Moran and Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby took a leisurely walk along the path on the south side of Greenbelt Lake to see the initial results of the completed boundary survey performed earlier this year. The purpose of the survey was to determine property boundaries between the city's lake path and the adjacent Lakeside homes.

Last year, following concerns raised by citizens regarding possible encroachment onto city rights of way by some adjacent property owners, the city engaged Greenhorne and O'Mara (G&O) to conduct a survey of the property boundaries and prepare a survey plat showing the actual property lines, as well as any identified areas of encroachment on city property.

Based upon the survey plat, Greenbelt Public Works staff placed white PVC piping around the verified property markers in order to make them more clearly

visible for the walk. Although all of the property markers were to have been located and identified before the walk, some remained unfound, or overgrown with groundcover plants.

The identified areas of encroachment were minimal. These included some fences, yard ornaments or furniture, planters, landscaped beds and, in a few cases, yard debris. Hruby outlined the results of the survey in a September 15 memo (which included the G&O Survey Plat) to the city manager, which was provided to council prior to the walk.

In the memo she noted that, "While some encroachments were found, I do not believe the majority of them warrant immediate removal. Staff believes written notification to affected property owners, making them aware that they are encroaching on city property and explaining their responsibility in addressing the encroachment is appropriate."

For fences and large planters

See **BOUNDARIES**, page 5

## City Considers Maintenance Of All Private Playgrounds

by Peter H. Curtis

Under a proposal currently being fine-tuned by Assistant City Manager David Moran, the City of Greenbelt would be responsible for over 75 percent of the cost of maintaining equipment and surfaces of any privately owned playground in the city whose owner agrees to participate in the program. In return, all participating playgrounds would have to be opened to the public.

Private owners would continue to be responsible for upkeep of the grounds, fencing, lighting and landscaping. These agreements would have a 20-year life span.

The origin of this complex proposal goes back to 1987. At that time the city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to split the upkeep costs of the 27 playgrounds in and around GHI property, all of which are open to the public. GHI provided all the grounds maintenance and the city maintained surfaces and equipment.

Although this arrangement appeared at first to be an equitable division of costs, a study by Moran in 2003 revealed that as time passed, federal regulations and insurance requirements forced replacement and upgrading of playground equipment at the playgrounds, the city was spending far more money on the

playgrounds than was GHI.

As a consequence, owners of other private playgrounds, led by the Greenbelt East Advisory Council (GEAC), complained that citizens living in other apartment complexes and condominiums were thus paying for upgrading GHI's playgrounds, while also having to pay for their own facilities.

### Inequitable

In view of the inequitable nature of the city's agreement with GHI, in July 2003 the Greenbelt City Council directed Moran to survey all playgrounds in the city and come up with a plan for replacing the 1987 MOU with an arrangement that was fair to all owners of playgrounds in Greenbelt. This lengthy task was completed this summer and Moran presented a draft agreement to all interested parties at a city council worksession on August 25.

Besides the members of the council, however, only Windsor Green Homeowners Association sent representatives to the worksession. They were cautious, but generally supportive of the proposal. Councilmembers requested some minor wording changes.

### Cost to City

Most discussion revolved around the cost to the city of

See **PLAYGROUNDS**, page 6

# GHI Yard Lines Studies Show Encroachments

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) held a final open forum to discuss yard lines on September 21. Architecture and Environment Committee members Bill Wilkerson and John Nichols chaired the meeting and reviewed the issues. In September 2003 the GHI board had asked the committee to look into encroachment issues. Many yards do not have encroachment problems but all yards will be studied.

Currently several GHI members have had to put garden and shed plans on hold while their property lines are under discussion. The committee will report back to the board and actual reviews and measurements will begin later this year or early next year. The whole process may take two to five years.

Two studies will actually be undertaken. The first, a survey of GHI's outside property lines, will be completed by an independent contractor. The second study will look at individual unit yard lines.

## Property Line Study

GHI land abuts various properties including those owned by the city, individual home owners and other property owners. A preliminary review of the GHI property seems to show some GHI structures on city property (especially near the curbs) and some encroachment of private home yards into GHI woodland.

One slide showed what appears to be a small playground in some GHI woods running behind a private apartment development. These problems need to be confirmed, documented and rectified to avoid the loss of GHI property under the "rule of adverse possession."

## Yard Line Study

Walking through GHI, it is obvious that some houses have more fenced-in yard space than others. This is especially true of end units. Few owners have official plats of their yards. As a start, the committee researched old maps from the '30s and '40s, including hedge maps. Drawings that show hedge placements were considered to be conceptual drawings, not official yard lines. Yard lines have changed little since an aerial photo was taken in the '60s.

Some examples of line problems are fences that actually in-

## Corrections

In the photos of the "Pooch Plunge" that appeared on page 10 of the September 23, 2004 issue, the Cairn terrier posing in her swim vest was mistakenly identified. Our apologies to the inimitable "Peaches" and to her owner Janet Murphy.

In last week's display ad for the Fall Harvest Festival the two lines – Arts & Crafts Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – were included, but the two equally important lines – Harvest Concert, noon - 10:00 p.m. – were not. The News Review regrets the error.

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### City Notes

The Code Enforcement - Commercial Properties staff has begun yearly day care inspections and re-inspected auto accident damage to Beltway Plaza's main entrance.

#### Animal Control

Staff is fostering the blind lab mix puppy tentatively named "Annie."

#### Parking Enforcement

In addition to routine duties staff impounded an oversized vehicle in Springhill Lake with 15 outstanding tickets.

#### Planning

Staff attended the opening of new state Department of Economic Development Regional office. There were also re-negotiations in the new theater renovation contract.

#### Public Works

The streets crew repaired two water fountains at Buddy Attick Park.

The facilities maintenance crew replaced two damper motors in the climate control system and supervised the contractors installing three new air conditioning units and one new heater unit at the Aquatics and Fitness Center. The crew also transported old exercise equipment to P.G. Scrap for recycling.

The parks crew made and installed an Adopt-a-Bench near Stream Valley Park and removed graffiti at various locations on city property.

#### Recreation Department

Roller skating began at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on September 21.

Four lifeguards and one cashier were hired for the Aquatic and Fitness Center to fill vacancies. Registration is underway there for the fall session.

#### Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering attended the First Look Volunteer Fair at the University of Maryland on Wednesday, September 22. The purpose of the fair is to introduce college students to community service. Eight students enrolled as tutors.

### Fall Fest at Behnke

Behnke's Nurseries will hold a free fall fest on October 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville. Activities for kids include pumpkin coloring, face painting and straw maze. Demonstrations will be given by Chesapeake Woodturners, pumpkin carving and Porsche Club.

A day of family fun is planned.

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### Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club was fortunate to have Councilmember Edward Putens as a speaker. He gave a very informative talk at the September 22 meeting. Some members were sorry to miss the talk as they were at the picnic for seniors at Watkins Park which is given each year by the county. Even for very active seniors it's difficult to be in two places at once.

Paul Sabol and Audrey Francis were the 50/50 winners.

We send condolences to

Lorraine Blacker's family.

The nominating committee is working to find a slate of officers for next year. Please be willing to help to keep the Golden Age Club functioning. Everyone enjoys the trips, activities and luncheons but it all takes a lot of work.

**OCTOBER 12**  
**is the last day to**  
**register to vote.**

## Happy 90th Birthday



**Lucille Howell**  
October 4, 2004

From  
The 5 Court Gang

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# Community Events

## Walk to SHL School On October 6

Springhill Lake Elementary School will join schools around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 6. Now in its eighth year, International Walk to School Day is expected to include 3,000 schools from all 50 states.

The event will begin at 7 a.m. with approximately 250 students, parents, teachers and community leaders, including Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze and other city officials beginning the walk from Beltway Plaza Mall. Walkers will arrive at Springhill Lake Elementary School at approximately 8 a.m.

The Greenbelt Police Department uses this event to remind motorists to be extra cautious when driving, as the school year has just gotten underway and many children in Greenbelt walk to and from school each day. For additional local information contact MPO George Mathews at 240-542-2116.

## Boys and Girls Club Basketball to Begin

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club basketball program is set to tip-off. The club will offer teams for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years of age with birth years from 1990 through 1998. Registrations will take place at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday during October. Pre-season clinics will run from Tuesday, October 13 to Saturday October 30 at both the Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Specific times and locations are dependent upon participant's ages. Practices will begin the first week of November, with those members fully registered able to participate.

Those who are new to the club must bring birth certificates for each child, proof of residency, payment for registration and sports fee. Existing club members need only pay their 2004 fees. The club is expecting big turn-outs so register early.

The basketball program is also looking for adult volunteers to help with coaching as well as in other areas. For more information call the club's hotline at 301-794-0100 and leave a message under the Girls or Boys Basketball prompt.

## At the Library

### Adults

Saturday, October 9, 10:30 a.m., Fall Gardening Clinic. Bring problem plants to be diagnosed and ask questions.

10:30 a.m., Poetry Plus, theme "Ghosts."

### Children

Tuesday, October 5, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 16 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

11:15 a.m., Cuddletime for 17-23 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Wednesday, October 6, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time, 24-36 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, October 7, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime, ages 3-5, limit 20.

## Fall Festival Oct. 9 At Schrom Hill Park

The City of Greenbelt's annual Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt.

The popular festival includes many types of entertainment for the entire family. Children will enjoy hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo, face painting, a moonbounce and more. Local artist Jim Hossick will also entertain young people with his original children's music. The "2-4-U Band" will cater to an older crowd.

City vehicles will also be on display. Plan to grab some affordable fast food to eat. For more information call 301-397-2200. For details related to the weather, call 301-474-5525.

## Simplicity Circle Forming in October

For those who feel their lives and houses are filled with busy clutter, maxed-out credit cards and overdone holiday celebrations, there is another way.

A simplicity discussion circle is forming in Greenbelt and will meet Sunday, October 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The resulting group will then meet for eight additional sessions.

Discussion circles are free but there is a fee for the study guide. For more information contact Lore Rosenthal at 301-317-9821 or simplicitygrpsmd@aol.com.

## Diagnose Problem Plants at Clinic

Master gardeners will share information and offer environmentally sound horticulture advice at a clinic on planting for year-round color at the Greenbelt Library. Gardeners having problems can bring in samples from problem plants and have them evaluated. Samples should be fresh and at least three or four inches with foliage. Horticultural literature will be available.

The Prince George's County Master Gardener Program, a part of the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Office, will be held Saturday, October 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other programs will be held on other Saturdays in October and November at other branch libraries. For information call the Office of Public Relations and Programming, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, 301-699-3500.

## Medicare Programs To Be Explained

New Medicare programs will be the subject of an October 5 lecture by Julie Neal of the Department of Family Services Area Agency on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program. Neal will discuss the various types of assistance for the payment of medications through the State of Maryland and the new prescription drug plan scheduled to be available in 2006.

The lecture will be held at Green Ridge House from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Persons interested in attending should RSVP to Christal Batey at 301-345-6660, ext. 2012. The lecture is sponsored by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program.

## Exploring Maximum Retirement Cash

Explorations Unlimited will host Art Widman, a local certified financial planner who specializes in working with seniors, on Friday, October 8. Widman's presentation will be on Maximizing Retirement Cash Flow.

Topics will include tax free investing, using debt, reverse mortgages, dividend paying stocks and other investment vehicles. Widman Financial Services has been in business for 16 years. The financial planners are adjunct faculty members at Prince George's Community College and have been presenting lectures and classes in Prince George's County for over five years. Widman is a registered representative with Commonwealth Financial Network, member NASD/SIPC.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Basket Bingo Sponsors Sought

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold a Basket Bingo on Friday, October 15, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion. To defray some of the Festival Committee's costs, as this is a fundraising event for the festival, sponsors (either individuals or businesses) are being sought for the bingo baskets.

A sponsor of a basket would pay the Festival Committee the cost of a particular basket (there are many price ranges available - from \$46 to \$200) and would be recognized both in the bingo program and at the bingo event. If a business is a sponsor, a business card, gift certificate or any other related item can be placed in the sponsored basket. This would encourage the winner of the basket to visit the business, therefore benefitting the business.

Covering the costs of the baskets is very crucial to the financial success of the bingo (since it is a fundraiser for the festival) and being a basket sponsor is a great way to support the festival.

Those interested in being basket sponsors are asked to call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312. All are invited to come to the Basket Bingo October 15.

## Cinderella Pageant Seeks Contestants

The Maryland Cinderella Scholarship Pageant is hosting free auditions for girls and young women ages three months to 17 years on Monday, October 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Greenbelt Library. Space is limited so reservations are required.

Contact Heather Ryan at 301-617-0525 or via email at CinderellaPageants@comcast.net for more information and to reserve a space.

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## Sunday Reception Opens New Jiha Moon Exhibit

by Jim Lara

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold a reception on Sunday, October 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to celebrate the work of Jiha Moon and her collaboration with several young artists. The images show a mix of Eastern and Western cultures. The paintings were influenced from childhood stories and Korean folk tales with a couple of the exhibits depicting chaos and a perfect world.

Moon is a resident of Arlington, Va. and grew up in South Korea. When she was young, Moon always loved to create art and knew it would be her calling. "Drawing and painting just came natural to me and there was no doubt that I wanted to be an artist," said Moon. While taking art classes in college, she also studied art education to teach the subject to others.

After receiving her bachelor's and master's art degrees in Korea, Moon wanted to study a different culture and explore other art forms. So she came to the United States in 1999 and spent a semester in Baltimore at the Maryland Art Institute. It wasn't easy for Moon living in a big city and going through culture shock. After six months she left Baltimore and applied to the University of Iowa. She enjoyed the laid-back environment and got her second master's degree in fine art in 2002. She then moved back to the east coast since her husband is from Virginia and she still has friends in the Baltimore area.

The exhibit, which features 14 different works, took a year to

put together. Moon says that the shapes and color patterns were influenced from animation, television commercials and other pop culture references. On some of the works, she had help from seven Korean artists.

These artists range in age from nine to 16 years old. Moon collaborated with them since they're students at a Korean private art institute in Annandale, Va., where she teaches. The students worked on the exhibit for a couple of hours a day for five months.

According to Moon, it was interesting to see the similarities and differences between herself and the students on how they drew each painting. "It was a great process because these kids are the perfect example of pop culture in their generation," said Moon. This can be attributed to their love of Disney cartoons, where objects like a flying robot or a swan can be seen in the forefront signifying a sort of fairy tale adventure.

Some highlights include "Tour," which depicts people walking along a white landscape with rainbow stripes in the background symbolizing celebration and longevity in Korean culture. Another piece, called "From Here to There" shows cars passing through a city street with surrounding trees and flowers.

The exhibit will be on display at the Arts Center through October 29. For more information contact gallery manager Mary Seng at 301-441-8770 or at Gallery@GreenbeltArtsCenter.org.

## YARD SALE

Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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## GHI MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 7, 2004

7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room



## Key Agenda Items

- Proposed Fence Installation – 56 C Crescent
- Playground Agreement – Proposed Changes – David Moran
- Property Line Encroachment Issues – Legal Opinions
- Non-recurring Revenue

Regular board meetings are open to members.

## Obituaries

### Doris Lee Hurst

Doris Lee Hurst, 81, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died at Prince George's Hospital on Thursday, September 23, 2004, following a heart attack.



Hurst was the daughter of the late Kenneth M. and Mabel H. Smith, also long-time Greenbelt residents. A WWII veteran of the U.S. Navy (WAVES), Mrs. Hurst came to Greenbelt in 1949 with her husband, Robert W. Hurst. An active member of the Greenbelt Community Church, she served as a Cub Scout leader and founded the Chasatonga Indian Dancers, a group of local boys in native costume appearing in regional parades and festivals during the 1950s.

The family departed Greenbelt in 1961, returning in 1975. In her later years Mrs. Hurst pursued her lifelong interest in Native American life and culture through supporting American Indian education organizations.

She is survived by her husband Bob of Greenbelt; her son David and his wife Theresa of Salisbury, N.C.; her daughter Carol of Colorado Springs, Colo., her son Leigh of Mill Valley, Calif.; her brother Kenneth M. Smith and his wife Evelyn of Augusta, W.Va.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four nieces and three nephews.

A memorial service was held at Gasch's Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 28, 2004. An interment will be at Arlington Cemetery at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Labre Indian School, Tong River Road, Ashland, Mont. 59004.



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### Memorial Service For Dorothy McGee

Dorothy McGee of 7 Hillside Road died last December at the age of 97. She had lived in Greenbelt for more than 60 years. Her life will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10, at 1 p.m., on the north shore of Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park.

Friends are invited to meet where a sycamore has been planted in her memory. Nearby is a sycamore planted in 1991 in memory of husband, John R. McGee. The entrance at Greenhill Road is closest to the site. For further information call her daughter Barbara Simon, 301-474-2192.

## Our Neighbors

Our condolences to Robert Hurst, Eastway, and family on the death of his wife Doris Lee Hurst.

Air Force Airman 1st Class James N. Greenwell recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Greenwell, who graduated in 1998 from DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from the University of Maryland, is the son of Theresa and James Greenwell of Morrison Drive.



Lucille Howell, a Greenbelt pioneer who moved to our New Deal town in 1938, will celebrate her 90th birthday on October 4, 2004. "I never thought I'd live this long," she says. A dedicated volunteer, she has served as a Girl Scout director and a member of the Prince George's County board of directors of that organization and has donated her time to the Greenbelt News Review and the Adult Day Care Center. She remains active with the Greenbelt Museum and her bridge group. Her friends are helping her celebrate this landmark birthday as the ad on page 2 attests.

### Beltsville Club Sponsors Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will sponsor their fall plant sale on Saturday, October 2 at High Point High School, 3602 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Vendors will be on hand to provide good quality bulbs, shrubs, houseplants and mums at reasonable prices. The plant sale will be from 8 a.m. until noon, rain or shine.

For information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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7:30 p.m. Evening Worship



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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

**301-474-9410**

SUNDAY

Sunday School  
Worship Service 9:45 am  
11:00 am

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**

October 3, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sermon: "Responsible for New Community"  
World Communion Sunday

### World Communion Sunday at Mowatt

It is a day when Christians worldwide unite in celebration of their faith through Holy Communion. Mowatt Memorial UMC, located at 40 Ridge Road, celebrates it with a special offering, which provides crusade scholarships, racial ethnic minority scholarships and racial ethnic minority in-service training grants to students in the U.S. and developing nations who are preparing to be leaders of their churches and societies.

There will be a pulpit exchange and greeting of lay leaders and children from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. Rev. Francis Ayensu preaches at 11 a.m. service. Rev. DaeHwa Park preaches for Faith Ministries at 2 p.m. For information call Mowatt at 301-479-9410.

### Historic School Opens for Tours

Historic Seabrook Schoolhouse, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1896, will be open for tours the first Friday of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Group tours are available at other times by appointment for a fee. The schoolhouse is located at 6116 Seabrook Road in Seabrook. For more information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

### Auditions to be Held For Holiday Classic

The Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc., will hold auditions for its December production of the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol," adapted from the story by Charles Dickens.

This is a large cast production open to adults of any age and children ages seven and up. Auditions will be held October 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. Children should come in the first half hour. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Also needed are on-stage musicians.

Performances will be on December 9, 10, 11 and 12 at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. For more information, call 301-982-4405.

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Saturday 9 a.m., 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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	9:00 am Christian education for all ages
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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:265 & 267

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at [muslimguide@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimguide@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com).

## BOUNDARIES

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that cannot be easily re-located and are not negatively impacting city property, staff would recommend that those encroachments be addressed in the same way the city addresses sheds that are located on city property. (Currently these are applied citywide on a "complaint" basis.)

Hruby informed council that in those cases the property owner was required to keep the shed in good repair and advised that the offending shed was to be removed at the time the property was sold.

Following the walk, council convened to a worksession that covered the boundary survey and encroachments as its first order of business. During the worksession discussion, no consensus appeared on what the city's next steps should be. Although Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned why the city should not require (property owners) to make the necessary changes now, other members of council wanted to be more sure of any legal grounds the city may take for action.

At the end of the discussion, council requested that the staff first seek an opinion on the legal status for the identified encroachments and then send a letter to affected property owners informing them of boundary determinations for their property and any requested action.

## Depression Subject Of Free Programs

On Thursday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. six screening locations in Greenbelt will offer a free test to diagnose possible depression. A confidential meeting with a mental health professional will also be given. The locations are Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road (residents only); Community Center, 15 Crescent Road; Co-op, 121 Centerway; Giant Food, Beltway Plaza; Safeway, Greenway Center; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (students only).

## Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

For Hispanic Heritage Month the Prince George's County Memorial Library System is having a film festival to celebrate the contributions, achievements and heritage of Hispanics and Latinos.

Films to be shown are: El Bravo/The Brave One, Saturday, October 2, 2 p.m. at the Laurel Branch; Quinceanera/Sweet 15, Saturday, October 9, 2 p.m. at the Laurel Branch; Mujeres de Verdaderas Tienen Curvas/Real Women Have Curves, Tuesday, October 5, 7 p.m., Hyattsville Branch, and Saturday, October 16, 2 p.m. at the Laurel Branch; and El Maestro de Esgrima/Fencing Master, Tuesday, October 12, 7 p.m. at the Hyattsville Branch.

## SHA Approves New Sign for Ramp

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has given permission to replace a green directional sign located directly across the street from the B-W Parkway ramp feeding to Southway. The SHA sign had been hit and destroyed. The City had requested something more in line with the signage used throughout the city.



# City Information

## PUBLIC HEARING

October 11, 2004 - 8 p.m.  
Municipal Building – City Council Room  
Concerning the Proposed Use of Recently Awarded Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds

The Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Program was designed to provide funds to units of local government to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. The City was recently awarded \$10,509 in LLEBG funding, with a required match from the City of \$1,168, for total project costs of \$11,677.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the City Council the recommendations of the LLEBG Advisory Board, as well as to seek public opinion on the recommended use of the funds, before Council makes the final decision.

The Police Department is proposing to the LLEBG Advisory Board that it recommend this year's funds be used toward purchase of a mobile classroom for the firearms range to replace the existing one, which is more than 25 years old and beyond repair. In order to meet the full costs of this project, the Police Department is also recommending that the total amount of \$25,406 earmarked for LLEBG expenditures last year be reprogrammed to this project.

Public attendance and participation are encouraged. Greenbelt residents will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written or oral comments and to ask questions. For special accommodations, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or contact the City Clerk via e-mail at [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us).

## OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.**  
**Vacancies exist on the:**  
Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee  
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

## Meetings for October 4-8

**Monday, October 4, 8:00pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION** re Greenbelt Station Litigation/Smith Property, Municipal Building.

**Thursday, October 7, 7:30pm, FOUR CITIES MEETING**, Municipal Building.

## There is still time to register to ride/walk GREENBELT PINK RIBBON RIDE!

**Saturday, October 2~8:00am-3:00pm**  
All routes meet on the Greenbelt Community Center lawn. Greenbelt Bike4BreastCancer Pink Ribbon Ride. Greenbelt Youth Center. Send e-mail or call Elaine Brett at 301-262-2228 or 877-777-2034.

## THIS FREE TEST COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

**Thursday, October 7, 2004  
10:00am-2:00pm**

Depression is a medical illness and effective treatments are available. But first, depression must be diagnosed. Take the first step. Choose from six screening locations and a confidential meeting with a mental health professional.

### LOCATIONS:

Green Ridge House-22 Ridge Road (residents only)  
Greenbelt Community Center-15 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt Co-Op-121 Centerway  
Giant Food-Beltway Plaza-6000 Greenbelt Road  
Safeway-Greenway Center-7595 Greenbelt Road  
Eleanor Roosevelt High School (students only)

**CALL 1-800-422-0009 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## City of Greenbelt

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

~ City of Greenbelt ~ Doctor's Community Hospital ~  
GHI ~ Alternacare

**Thursday, October 14**

**10am-2pm**

## Greenbelt Community Center

Flu Shots, Body Fat Analysis, Cholesterol Screenings, Hearing Screenings, Vision Screenings, Blood Pressure Check, Bone Density

(A fee may be charged for some screenings)

Also: Senior Seminars...Topics include:

10-10:45am Wills are Not for Seniors Only

11-11:45am Is your House Aging Friendly?

1:00-1:45pm-A Kaleidoscope of Senior Services

For more information call the City of Greenbelt at 301-345-7203 or GHI at 301-474-4161 x 146

**The city of Greenbelt's Fall Fest**

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- MINIATURE GOLF
- MOONBOUNCE
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- FACE PAINTING
- MANY PHOTO OPS (Bring your camera)

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**Schrom Hills Park**  
**6915 Hanover Parkway**  
**Greenbelt, MD 20770**

For more information: 301-397-2200 Weather Hotline: 301-474-5525

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, October 5 & 7: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Crisis Hotline," 10:20am & 6:20pm "Ask the Expert-Managing Your Blood Pressure," 7pm "Labor Day Parade," 8:30pm "Wayne Brown and the 2nd Conspiracy."

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 6 & October 8: 7:00pm** "Future View-Health & Longevity I," 7:30pm "Love Foundation-Power to Become," 8:00pm "Greenbelt Arts Center presents Dr. Cook's Garden."

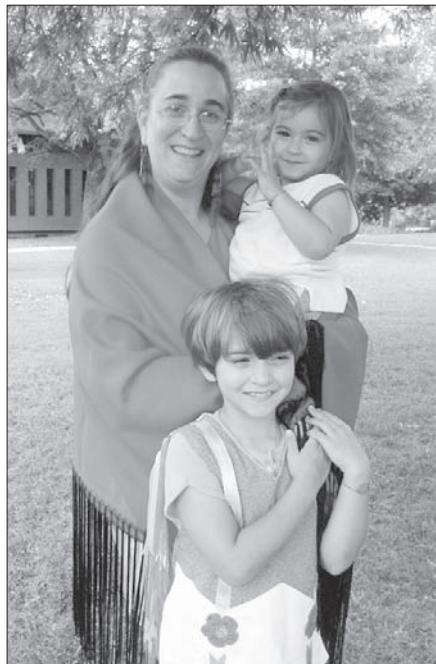
## Learn Traditional Cherokee Beading in Recreation Class

Area artist Helen Rowe (Cherokee) will be teaching a class on American Indian beadwork at the Greenbelt Community Center from October 2 to November 6. This class will meet on Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Students will enjoy an introduction to beads, history and techniques while gaining a respect for the traditions behind the craft.

"Smitten" is the word Rowe uses to describe how she felt when introduced to beadwork years ago by a relative in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She's been creating with beads ever since. Rowe brings beadwork to life, discussing meanings behind colors and why certain color combinations are not to be used.

Rowe uses her own beadwork on the regalia she wears for dancing. Her eight-year-old daughter Ann wears regalia designed and beaded by her mother as she performs traditional dances.

With the current focus on the opening of the new National Museum of the American Indian now



Helen Rowe and daughters Ann, 8, and Rebekah, 2.

is a good time to learn more about this traditional craft and the culture surrounding the art. The instructor is fluent in American Sign Language, which may help some prospective students.

The class is offered by the City of Greenbelt's Department of Recreation. A full list of current classes is available online at [http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Recreation\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Recreation_Brochure.pdf).

Sign up for American Indian Beadwork at the Greenbelt Community Center Office or call 240-542-2057 for more information. This program is open to residents and nonresidents of Greenbelt. There is a registration fee. Classes begin Saturday, October 2.



Rowe's beautiful Indian beadwork is displayed above. Greenbelters can learn about the native craft in a class starting this Saturday.

## A Sense of Community Imbues New Museum

by Eli Flam

A strong sense of community infuses the newly-opened Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. On a busy Sunday in late September, many visitors seemed intent to learn about the dozens of tribes and groups featured in the tan, curvilinear, textured-stone building on Independence Avenue next to the National Air and Space Museum.

Several Greenbelters found that one sculpture (seen in a photo panel) reminded them of "Mother and Child" in the Roosevelt Center. Chippewa Allan Houser's outsize figure of mother and child is called "Resting at the Spring House." It's joined by wide-ranging work of great quality and impact in an opening exhibit, "Native Modernism," that focuses on the art of Houser and George Morrison (an Apache) in a clean, harmonious layout.

In three permanent exhibitions ("Our Universes," "Our Peoples," "Our Lives"), texts, artifacts – so many of striking substance and finesse – and visuals are sometimes crowded together, perhaps out of an urgency to convey the rich diversity and often troubled histories of Native Americans from north to south (including the Caribbean).

The often fatal face-offs with

newcomers from abroad is dealt with here and there – insufficiently, according to some critics. Nor is literary work highlighted. The overall thrust, however, is to show that in the face of despoliation and rank injustice, Indians across the spectrum have often prospered, adapting to new ways while displaying loyalty to their individual languages, beliefs and cultures.

Of the groups pictured, closest to our area is the Pamunkey tribe of Virginia, whose treaty from the 19th century for their river-rooted reservation is still renewed annually in Richmond.

Films, native boat builders and demonstrations by musicians and dancers (some inviting an eager public to join in) plus a standout café have added fresh notes to the Mall. A visit to the NMAI is a journey that goes back 10,000 or more years and works forward through many climes and permutations, permitting us to meet and learn about neighbors near and far.

Museum officials estimate that 26,000 people saw the museum during the "Open 24 hours" opening day, September 21. Admission is free but timed passes are required. For information visit [www.AmericanIndian.si.edu.tickets.com](http://www.AmericanIndian.si.edu.tickets.com) or call 866-400-NMAI (6624).

## Wildflower Lecture At Botanic Garden

A lecture, "The Wildflowers of Sugarloaf," will be presented on Friday, October 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Speakers Melanie Choukas-Bradley and Tina Thieme Brown have spent 10 years studying and documenting the plants of Sugarloaf Mountain. Find out more about the wildflowers growing and the authors' process for creating their illustrated wildflower guide. Copies of the guide will be available for sale and signing after the program. The event is free; pre-registration is required. To register, call the U.S. Botanic Garden at 202-226-4082 or visit the website at [www.usbg.gov/education/events](http://www.usbg.gov/education/events).

## PLAYGROUNDS

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assuming partial maintenance of additional playgrounds. Moran estimated these costs to be about \$96,000 per year if 15 private playgrounds enrolled in the program; if more enroll, the costs would be proportionately higher. Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that he felt this was too great a burden on the city budget. Mayor Judith Davis, in contrast, supported the proposal on the grounds of equity. GHI, she noted, has already benefitted from extensive upgrading of its playgrounds at city expense.

Under a timetable distributed by Moran, the revised proposal will be on the council agenda in October for a decision whether to

proceed. If approved, private playground owners will have until February to decide whether to participate.

Next spring the council would evaluate the impact on the city budget and incorporate the program into the FY06 budget if funds are available. At that time (June 2005), if the program goes into effect, the present MOU with GHI would be terminated.

**OCTOBER 12**  
**is the last day to register to vote.**

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This meeting is absolutely free, includes a free famous Marriott dinner, is informational only and runs a lightning quick 76 minutes. You will receive no sales presentation making this meeting unlike anything you've ever seen before. This meeting will be held on October 12 at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt: 6400 Ivy Lane. It will begin at 4:30 PM and conclude 76 minutes after beginning when a free dinner is served. Reservations will be taken on our 24 hour automated line until our seating capacity is reached at 1-800-371-1049. Just leave your name, address, and the number of tickets you'll need after the tone and we'll rush them out to you. Special Bonus for all attendees: Your choice of two free reports: Mutual Fund Management Secrets Money Managers Don't Want Published or 6 Deadly Mistakes Made in Setting Up a Will or Trust and How to Avoid Them (Limit one report per household). Call our 24 hour automated response line today at 1-800-371-1049, as reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Virtually everyone attending this meeting learns never before heard of, money saving strategies with no sales presentation or pressure. Don't wait to call. We fill up quickly.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

*Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

## Attempted Murder

September 19, 5:55 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident woman was arrested and charged with attempted second degree murder, first degree assault, second degree assault, child abuse and reckless endangerment after police responded to a report of a domestic dispute. The victim, a nine-year-old girl, advised that she was involved in an altercation with her younger brother when her mother walked in the room and assaulted her. The mother allegedly choked the girl, hit her with a belt and attempted to throw her off the balcony. The woman was arrested at the scene and resisted attempts to place her in custody, kicking a policeman several times and attempting to bite him. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The girl was transported to Children's Hospital for treatment.

## Assault

September 17, 10:18 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was petitioned for assault. The victim reported that he and the youth were involved in a verbal altercation that became physical. At one point the youth produced a knife and cut the victim in the scalp, causing a minor laceration to his head.

September 20, in reference to an assault reported May 13 in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a nonresident man with first degree assault.

## Robbery

September 19, 11:30 p.m., 53 court Crescent Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with attempted strong arm robbery. Police responded to a report of a strong arm robbery which had just occurred. An officer observed two people matching the description given in Roosevelt Center. One person fled on foot upon seeing the police. The other was apprehended with the assistance of a K-9 dog and his handler in the 33 court of Ridge Road. The suspect was transported to Prince George's Doctor's Hospital for treatment and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. Investigation is continuing regarding the second suspect.

September 21, 12:42 p.m., 7700 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he was walking in a parking lot when he was approached from behind by another man, who punched him in the face. The victim fell to the ground and the suspect attempted to search through his pockets. The man fought off the suspect, who fled the scene on foot. He refused treatment for a cut lip. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, tall with a thin build, black hair in cornrows, wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

September 23, 1:02 a.m., unknown location at Springhill Lake Apartments, a man reported that he was walking home from Beltway Plaza when he was approached by as many as six per-

sons. One of the suspects threw an unknown liquid into his eyes and a second hit him in the mouth with an unknown object. They then took the man's wallet and fled the scene. The man was transported to the hospital for treatment.

## Drugs

September 16, 7:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, police responded to a report of a person with an open warrant. The man was located and a computer check confirmed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation into the custody of the Sheriff's Department for service of the warrant.

September 22, 8:26 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident youth was arrested for possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana. Police assisting a motorist in the parking lot of the restaurant observed three persons get into a vehicle next to him. He detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana coming from the vehicle. Investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and a quantity of suspected cocaine was located in the seat where he was sitting. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Theft

September 21, 10:05 p.m., Greenway Center, unknown person(s) entered the Children's Place clothing store and removed the store safe and a credit card from a purse. The safe had no money. The credit card was later used to make purchases in Greenbelt and Washington, D.C.

## Suspicious Person

September 22, 3:23 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a woman reported that she heard someone follow her into a condominium building. When she turned around she saw what she believed to be the pistol grip of a gun sticking out of a youth's waistband. The youth fled the scene on foot. He is described as a Latino male 16 to 18 years of age, 5'7", 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

## Disorderly Conduct

September 17, 1:40 a.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, two non-resident men were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police observed the suspects shouting profanities at the restaurant. Both were arrested after they refused to cease their actions. A computer check revealed that one man had an open warrant with the Loudon County Sheriff's Department. Both were released on citation pending trial, with one being turned over to the Sheriff's Department for service of the warrant.

## Prescription Fraud

September 19, 6:43 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with prescription fraud after she allegedly passed a forged pre-

scription at the Giant Pharmacy. She was arrested at the scene and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Burglary

September 22, 7:46 p.m., 7800 block Somerset Court, unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a basement window. A video game player, CDs, DVDs and jewelry were taken and the residence was vandalized.

September 22, 11:47 p.m., 7900 block Brooks Place, unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a basement window. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken. The residence was vandalized.

## Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer 2-door from the 6000 block Cherrywood Lane; a 1992 Honda VFR750 motorcycle from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a tan 1997 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags EBT559 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; and a black 2004 Kawasaki ZX10 motorcycle, Maryland tag 368M81 from the 6400 block Ivy Lane.

Five vehicles were recovered, all by other police departments with one adult arrest made.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, unit block Lakeside Drive, 7 court Ridge Road, 13 court Ridge Road, 62 court Ridge Road (two incidents), Roosevelt Center (two incidents), unit block Westway, Greenway Center, 6000, 7400 and 7600 blocks Greenbelt Road, 6900 block Hanover Parkway and 7700 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents).

## Police to Conduct Critical Incident Drill

On Sunday, October 3 the Greenbelt Police Department will conduct a "Critical Incident" drill at Greenbelt Elementary School from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drill will consist of several scenarios that will test the readiness of officers responding to various situations.

The scenarios could include a hostage situation or the presence of a shooter at the school. The police involved in the drill will not know which situations they will encounter before the drill starts.

This drill will also assist in the department's CALEA accreditation process.

CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) involves a review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations and administration. Accreditation assures the community that its law enforcement agency is committed to providing services of the highest quality. To date, only eight Maryland municipal police departments have received national accreditation.

## Free Band Concert At Smith Center

University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble, John E. Wakefield, conductor, will present a concert on Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is the season opener for the university's premier wind group and symphonic band. Presented by the University of Maryland School of Music, this performance is free.

## Chrysanthemums At Arboretum

As part of a month-long chrysanthemum celebration at the U.S. National Arboretum, a free exhibit features Japanese viewing stones that all contain mineral deposits in the shape of chrysanthemums. The exhibit will be open from October 1 through 13, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-4523 for more information.

## Grief Support Group To Begin on Oct. 12

A free mutual support group for those experiencing loss provides a safe place to grieve and helpful tools for coping, processing and healing. The support group will meet for six weeks beginning on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. To register call 301-891-5265.

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## Subleasing Scam Fraught With Risks for Tenants

by Pat Davis and Eileen Farnham

In a tight housing market some companies are promising to obtain rental housing for people with bad credit or no credit. These companies lease a block of apartments in large apartment complexes, then sublease the apartments to families needing apartments but lacking the credit background to obtain a lease directly under stricter application standards. The companies ask for the first and last month's rent to be paid in advance.

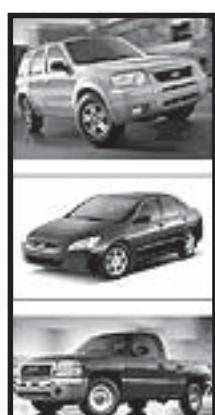
The risk comes if the company that is the actual tenant does not pay or disappears. Recently the News Review learned of such a situation where a company with offices in Greenbelt and Hyattsville, Professional Sales Group (PSG), leased 16 units from Springhill Lake Apartments. The company has apparently closed its doors and fled without remitting the tenants' rent payments to Springhill Lake, about \$3,000 per occupant.

In such a case the apartment complex moves to evict their tenant, the leasee, leaving the families living in the subleased apartments without notice, without money and without a place to live. Currently 16 families at Springhill Lake face eviction due to the disappearance of PSG. Victimized tenants report that visits to PSG offices in Hyattsville found the company gone but tenants in the same predicament as the Springhill Lake families who are being evicted from other apartment complexes in the area.

The case is currently under

investigation by the Greenbelt Police Department. The police are working with other municipal departments and the State's Attorney's office. Anyone who has information or has had dealings with this apartment leasing company, PSG, located in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane, is asked to contact Detective Marie Triesky of the Greenbelt police at 240-542-2135. The business has also used the name of Get EZ for Less. Greenbelt Information Officer George Mathews says that the police investigation involves not only the tenants at Springhill Lake Apartments but also tenants at other area apartments who signed their leases at the Greenbelt office of PSG.

Greenbelt CARES has been attempting to help some of the Springhill Lake victims to find other housing resources.



### Learn about Joint Replacement

A free seminar on joint replacement will be held at Laurel Regional Hospital on Tuesday, October 5 at 6 p.m. in the hospital's J.R. Jones Conference Room. Dr. Scott Birkenblit from Veiner, Thomas & Birkenblit, orthopaedic surgeons, and Linda Muller, L.P.N., will present the one-hour program which will include a tour of the operating room and the physical rehabilitation gym, an explanation of joint replacement surgery and a showing of various artificial joints. A question-and-answer session will be included. To register, call 301-497-8736.

### Programs for Many Ages at Patuxent

Several programs for a variety of ages are offered by the Patuxent Research Refuge. For children five to seven years old a Halloween special, "Going Batty," will be held on Sunday, October 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. The world of bats will be explored in this interactive program, which will be held at the North Tract, Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

"Nature Tots: Furry Friends," will introduce pre-schoolers (ages 3 to 4) to the world of mammals on Wednesday, October 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. And adults, 16 and over, are invited to participate in a bird

walk on Wednesday, October 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended for this guided hike. These activities will be held at the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. All activities are free but advance reservations must be made by calling 301-497-5887.

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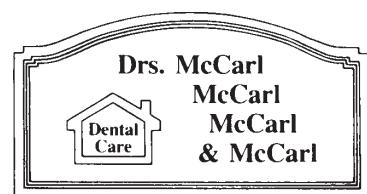
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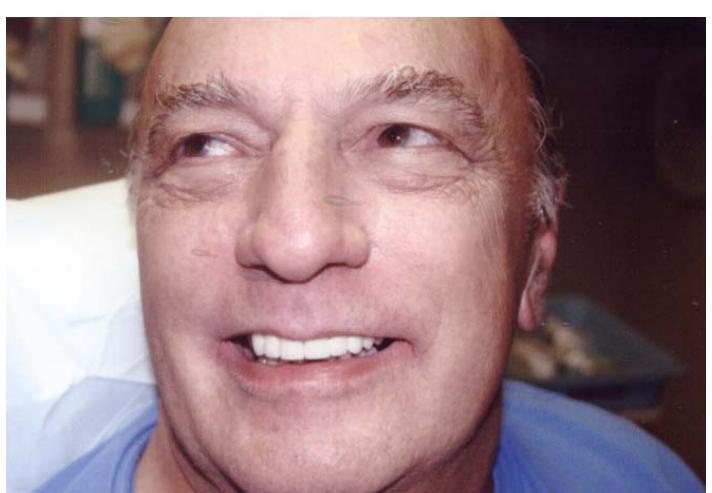
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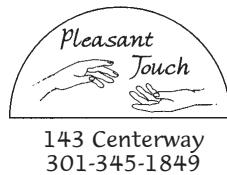
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Wonderful all-brick rambler with garage. Lots of space in this 2-story home with 5 brs, finished walkout basement, patio & more. \$469,900

**Brick Townhome**

Beautiful 2 bedroom townhome with fresh paint, high-quality cabinets, oak parquet flooring, deck, landscaped yard & custom doors. \$189,900

**Two Bedrooms And Large Addition**

Remodeled GHI townhome with first-floor addition. Opened kitchen, hardwood floors, modern appliances and more. Nice! \$134,900. U.C.

**Single Family Home - Ridge Road**

Sought-after location - this modern 4br 2 1/2 bath home was built in the 80's and has some amazing amenities. Call now to arrange your tour!

**Lakefront Property In Greenbelt!**

Call now to see one of the largest homes in Greenbelt - with a lakefront lot! This may be your only chance to own a property like this. **SOLD**

**2 Bedroom Townhome**

Close to Roosevelt Center. Owner doing renovations, including new bathroom vanity and kitchen remodeling. A bargain! \$114,900 U.C.

**Townhome On Large Corner Lot**

This 3 bedroom GHI home has a large fenced yard, stacking washer/dryer, Pergo flooring in the d.r. and modern cabinets. \$149,900 **SOLD**

**Greenbelt**

Large townhome with porch addition on the back. Newer appliances, updated kitchen and fenced backyard. Close to Roosevelt Center. **SOLD**

**Brick Townhome**

Just a few steps from Roosevelt Center. This brick townhome has modern appliances, cabinets, countertops and more. Very nice! **SOLD**

**Corner Lot**

Great location just steps from Roosevelt Center. Large fenced yard with hedges for privacy. 3 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen. \$150,000 **SOLD**

**Frame Townhome**

Close to Roosevelt Center and Greenbelt Road. Wide floorplan with many improvements. Own this for less than rental payments! \$119,900

**Historic Greenbelt**

Single-family home with in-law apt. and separate entrance. 4 br. & 2 full baths. Completely renovated. Large deck and shed. \$324,900 **SOLD**

**Three Bedroom Townhome**

One of the few GHI homes with a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor. Remodeled kit., stacking w & d and fenced yard. Coming Soon.

**Brick Townhome**

Unique GHI townhome on the library end of town. Many modifications and improvements. Large yard and close to Center. \$174,900 **SOLD**

**Townhome With Addition - Backs To Woods**

Frame townhome with extra half-bath on first floor. Large addition that overlooks Parcel 1 protected woodlands - very private! \$129,900 **SOLD**

U.C.=Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers



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**Miss Greenbelt Joanna Murray rides in the parade.**

Before beginning Emily explained the significance of her performance to the audience and then dedicated the song to her mother.

"It was really cool to do the same talent my mom did when she was in the pageant." She and her aunt planned the surprise for her mother. "She was really happy," Emily said.

One of Emily's favorite hobbies is playing with babies and she wants to open a baby gym when she gets older. "A baby gym is where babies go and have fun."

Emily's other hobbies include reading, swimming, dancing and singing. She likes music and wants to be a producer. She loves to write her own songs because, she says, "I can express my feelings. I want other people to sing my lyrics."

Tina has a different career in mind for Emily. "I want Emily to be a lawyer. She will argue and argue until you give in. She is very headstrong. She will be great in a courtroom."

For her interview question in the pageant, Emily was asked whom she admired the most besides a relative and her answer confirmed she has a loving heart. "I really like my teachers because they help me with my work. I think teachers should get paid more and students should appreciate them more."

## Junior Miss

The Junior Miss Greenbelt Pageant, which originated along with the Little Miss Greenbelt Pageant, includes girls 11 to 13 years old. This year's winner is Melanie Pope. She is the daughter of Silke and Joseph and sister to Matthew and is a 12-year-old seventh grader at St. Hugh's School.

Before winning Junior Miss Greenbelt, Melanie won first place in the Americanism Essay Contest 2004. The contest was on "Red, White and Blue, Old Glory and what the U.S. flag meant to me. I said the red was for the blood shed by the soldiers, the blue was for the clear blue sky after the war and the white was for the pure spirits of the soldiers."

Melanie also likes to express herself creatively in art, her favorite subject in school.

In her spare time Melanie likes to go shopping and to the beach with friends as well as take care of dogs and cats for her neighbors and friends. "I love dogs and cats because they comfort you when you're sad and lonely."

And it's fun playing with them."

According to her mother Silke, Melanie's best characteristic is her desire to help others. She is a member of Girl Scout Troop 2142 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 136.

"I am active in a lot of organizations because I can meet new people and do a lot of new things. When I help people it makes me feel good about myself," Melanie says. When she grows up, she aspires to be a corporate lawyer.

Melanie said competing in the pageant was fun because of the new friends she made and her mother agreed that the pageant is very positive for the contestants.

"The pageant is good because the girls are taught to communicate with different types of people they don't know. The girls leave with more self-confidence because they learn how to walk, dance and speak in public."

On Crowning Night when she was announced as Junior Miss Greenbelt, Melanie said she felt happy but the most rewarding thing about participating in the pageant was not winning.

"The most exciting part is being with the other girls. After the pageant we all stay in touch."

## Miss Greenbelt

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant began in 1955 and originally women between the ages of 15 and 50 could compete. Now the ages of the contestants are 14 to 19 years old.

Miss Greenbelt 2004 is Joanna Murray, a 16-year-old junior attending Bowie High School, where she has received the outstanding academic athlete award for the past two years.

Joanna is the daughter of Fred and Cindy and sister of twin brothers Fred and Donald. She enjoys helping others and being active, which results in her participation in many organizations.

She is very involved in her school's student government associations, chamber choir and women's choir.

She is also involved in Model United Nations at her school. "I like Model United Nations because we meet every Wednesday and debate a topic. We all choose a country to represent for the week and debate the issue. We also go to conferences at Yale, Harvard and other places. I am very outspoken. I have no problem speaking my mind."

In addition to being active in many organizations, Joanna is a talented volleyball player who plays on the Bowie Bulldogs varsity volleyball team, which has won the regional championships

for the last two years. After graduating from Bowie High School, Joanna plans to attend Penn State University. She aspires to be a pediatrician. "My uncle is one of the people I admire most because he is a doctor. I want to follow in his footsteps."

Being in a pageant can make one nervous, but it is fun for Joanna. "I love being on stage. It's like my second home. I'm so comfortable on stage. It makes me feel good about myself."

The only time Joanna was nervous during the pageant was on Crowning Night when the girls have to answer their interview question. Joanna succeeded in that portion of the competition.

"My question was, 'If you had a younger brother or sister what is the one thing you would teach them?' and I said I would teach my younger brother or sister to be themselves and to be comfortable with who they are."

When she was crowned Miss Greenbelt 2004, Joanna said it was a memorable experience.

"I was blown away. I felt like I was floating. It was the best feeling I ever experienced. I can't even explain it in words."

Joanna experienced another special milestone the following week. "I turned 16 years old on September 13 and my best friend gave me a surprise party."

## Public Appearances

As winners, Emily, Melanie and Joanna are required to participate in numerous public appearances, anywhere between 26 to 52. The first one takes place on Saturday, October 2 at the Pink Ribbon Ride. The winners do a lot of public appearances sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreational Department. "They will be busy now until December," said Jewell, the pageant executive director.

Each contestant is also asked to participate in the pageant's fundraiser activities, which include bake sales and cookie and candle fundraisers.

The Greenbelt Pageant is a community-involved event resulting from the hard work of the pageant directors, contestants, parents and many supporters, including former Miss Greenbelt winners. "These girls are not just winners of the pageant, they are ambassadors for the city of Greenbelt," said Jewell.

## 50th Anniversary

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. Preparations to make the event extra special have already begun. Former Miss Greenbelt Pageant winners are asked to contact Natasha Jewell at [natasha@missgreenbelt.com](mailto:natasha@missgreenbelt.com).

For more information about the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, including registration and schedule information, visit the website at [www.missgreenbelt.com](http://www.missgreenbelt.com).



**The Little Miss Greenbelt contestants on stage Sunday night await the judges' decisions. Emily Scites was crowned the winner.**



FILE PHOTO

**Three winners for the Miss Greenbelt pageant in the early '60s.**

# Miss Greenbelt Pageant Has Long, Varied History

by Sandra Lange

This year the Labor Day Festival marked its 50th year. Over the years many significant changes have taken place in the festival. As early as 1937 Greenbelt residents actually began a Town Fair with a variety of contests that focused on flowers and vegetables, baked goods, needlework and corn shucking. A favorite end of summer activity was the annual water pageant featuring synchronized swimming. The whole town would gather on top of the hill near the pool to watch the participants.

The first festival as we know it today began on Labor Day weekend in 1955 and was called the Greenbelt Festival. A festival committee formed to raise money for the youth of Greenbelt, with the specific purpose of funding construction of a new recreation center.

Most of Greenbelt's organizations participated including churches, the Jewish Community Center, the fire department, Lions Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts as well as a few no longer active groups, such as the Izaak Walton League and the Navy Wives. Trophies were awarded to the best performing drum majorettes. A boxing contest matched boys under 10 and a talent show drew contestants every night of the festival.

The highlight of the first festival was the Popularity Contest. Women from 15 to 50 were encouraged to enter. Community organizations nominated a candidate and ballot boxes were placed around town. Instead of paper ballots, however, money was dropped in the boxes. Every penny dropped in a ballot box counted as one vote.

Pioneer Marty Madden provided the following account of the way the Popularity Contest evolved in "Looking Back," a book of early Greenbelt recollections collected by Dorothy Lauber and published as part of the City of Greenbelt's 50th anniversary in 1987.

## Jars

According to Madden, "There were jars placed all around town – a set at the [American] Legion, a

set at the Fire House, etc., one for each girl at each place. All the money went to the building fund for the Youth Center. [Construction was completed in 1961.] The Legion's candidate usually won as there were more people there, supporting Miss American Legion by putting money in her jar. The other organizations just didn't generate the foot traffic the Legion did.

"The last year this was done, my sister Kathleen was Miss Fire Department. The majorettes . . . were part of the Fire Department [and] were very active then . . . they felt that there was a real good chance for their candidate to win, for once. Usually people dropped change into the jars – pennies usually, but sometimes dimes and quarters. Then word got around that someone had put a \$100 check in the Legion's jar.

"My dad went out, talked with some of his friends, and raised more money. The Legionnaires did the same thing, and then Dad was writing checks. Talk about ballot stuffing – it really got hectic in the end. The Miss Greenbelt contest was real close that year; my sister won and the Legion's winning streak was broken. That was the last time the contest was determined by who could raise the most money."

## Rules Changed

In 1969 the rules changed and the Miss Greenbelt Pageant was formed based on more traditional values. During the 1980s, some people called for the end of the pageant altogether because they disliked the emphasis placed on beauty and physical attributes. So the pageant changed again, incorporating a talent contest and questions for the participants.

Those first Greenbelt residents would be surprised to see today's glitz fairway with commercial rides, stuffed animals and bronze lamps for prizes and vendors selling cotton candy and funnel cake. But the spirit of the festival has not changed. It still emphasizes volunteers and community organizations, bringing people together for one last grand end-of-summer fling.

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